

CARR-1596

1544 North Main Street, Hampstead

Summary:

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**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1596

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common James Austin House

**2. Location**

street & number 1544 North Main Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Hampstead ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James Austin

street & number 1544 North Main Street telephone no.:(410) 374-9752

city, town Hampstead state and zip code Maryland 21074

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE ATTACHED

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name HampsteadQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting							Northing	

B 

Zone	Easting							Northing	

C 

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D 

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E 

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F 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth M. Short, Historic Plannerorganization Carroll County Planning & Develop. date May 26, 1999street & number 225 North Center Street telephone (410) 386-2145city or town Westminster state Maryland

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Description

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The house at 1544 Hanover Pike/Main Street in Hampstead in northeastern Carroll County, Maryland. The house is located on the west side of the road just north of the railroad tracks and faces east toward the road. The house is a 2 story three bay by two bay structure of running bond brick on a stone foundation. It has a gable roof of standing seam metal with a north/south ridge and an interior brick chimney on the north gable end. On the rear or west elevation is an ell that is one bay by three bays and has a gable roof of standing seam metal with an east/west ridge. The house has a side passage plan.

On the east elevation, the first story has a door with four octagonal belectioned molded panels and a 4-light transom in the south bay. To the north of the doorway are two 6/6 sash with wood sills and splayed brick jack arches. There is a three bay porch with a hip roof of standing seam metal supported by three boxed wood posts. There are turned balusters in the railings. The second story has three typical 6/6 sash and there is a wood box cornice with returns. On the north elevation, the first and second stories each have three typical 6/6 sash. The gable end has two 4-light casements. There is a wood box cornice on the ell. On the south elevation, the main block has no openings on the first or second stories. There are two 4-light casements on the gable end. The south elevation of the ell has a brick pantry to the west that has a narrow 4/4 sash on both the first and second stories. There is a recessed porch set between the pantry and the main block. It has modern infill on the first story. The second story has boxed posts with vertical balusters over a horizontal board rail. The walls of the ell are parged. There is an interior brick chimney on the west gable end of the ell.

Just west of the house is a log out building that appears to be a summer kitchen. It has exposed logs with v-notch corners and a gable roof of standing seam metal with an east/west ridge. There is an interior brick chimney on the west gable end. The south elevation has a 6/6 sash. The north elevation has two 6/6 sash. The east elevation cannot be clearly seen but appears to have a door.

Contributing resources 2.

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Unfortunately, the history of the Austin House cannot be easily reconstructed because the tax records do not list this property, and a deed for it could not be located in order to start a chain of title. The early maps are also equivocal. No doubt with work these problems can be overcome, and should be, as the Austin House is a significant early example of Hampstead's architecture. Just how early it is, and how it has changed, should be determined through a close study and analysis of the surviving fabric. The log outbuilding, likely a summer kitchen, is also significant, despite its deteriorated condition. Few such log buildings survive.

Geographic Organization:  
Piedmont

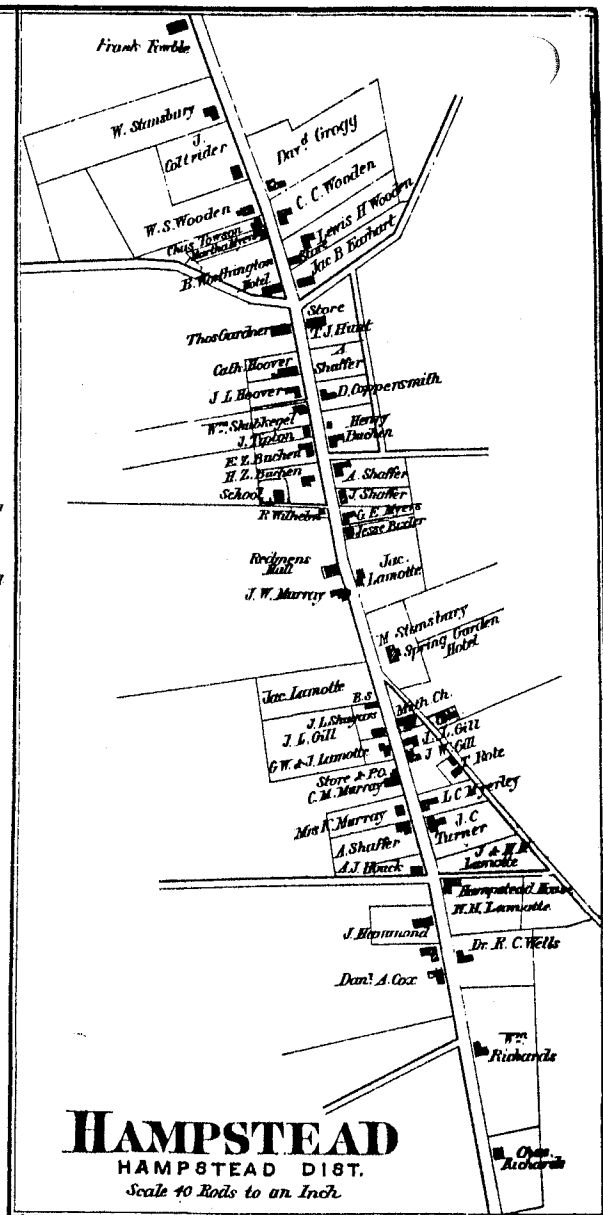
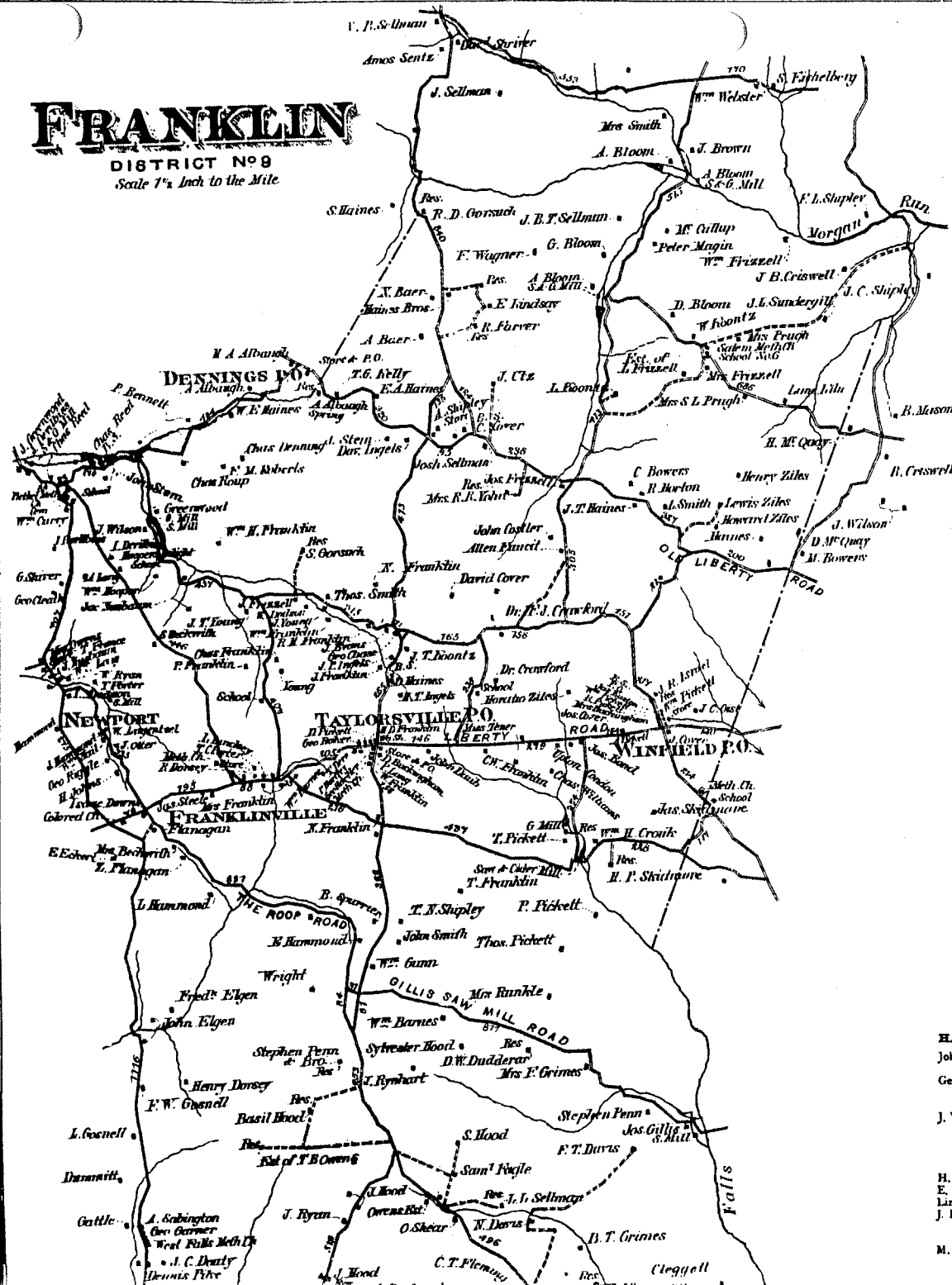
Chronological/Developmental Periods:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning

Resource Type:  
Rural Vernacular

# FRANKLIN

DISTRICT NO 9  
Scale 1 1/2 Inch to the Mile



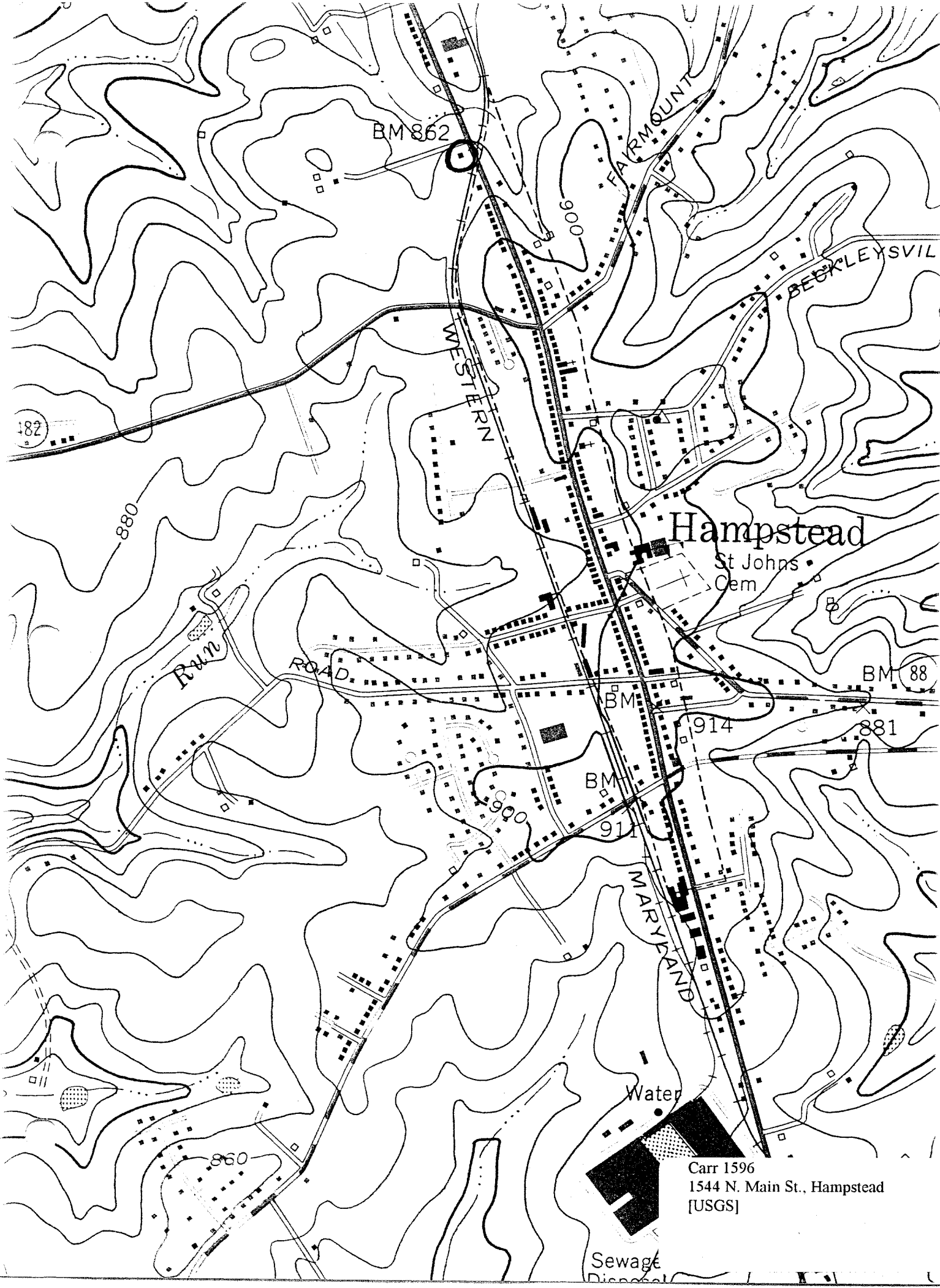
## HAMPSTEAD BUSINESS REFERENCES

John W. Abbott, Teacher, and Justice of the Peace, Houcksville.  
Geo. W. Keller, Paper Manufacturer and Dealer in all kinds of goods usually kept in a country store; also, Farmer, Houcksville.  
J. W. Murray, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Crockery, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Glass, Drugs, Medicines, Fancy Goods, Hardware and Fertilizers, and all other goods as a country store.  
H. H. La Motte, Proprietor of Hampstead Mills located on east branch of Patapago miles southwest of Hampstead.  
J. H. Smith, Manufacturer of Flour, Feed Mills on east branch of Patapago Fall third miles west of Hampstead.  
M. S. Brillhart, Manufacturer of Flour, Feed Mills on east branch of Patapago Fall third miles west of Hampstead.

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1544 N. Main St., Hampstead  
Lake, Griffing & Stevenson Atlas. 1877





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[USGS]



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1544 NORTH MAIN STREET

HAMPSTEAD, CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

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HOUSE & SUMMER KITCHEN - NORTH ELEVATION

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HOUSE - SOUTH & EAST ELEVATIONS

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